

2018: YEAR IN REVIEW

Day Hospitals Australia are proud to share a summary of the achievements made in the day hospital sector in 2018



MEMBERSHIP

- Day Hospitals Australia continues to represent two thirds of the day hospital sector in Australia
- Our CEO undertook a roadshow in November to ACT and NSW and met with numerous members and non members



NETWORKING

- Chapter meetings
- National Conference – Melbourne
- Google Groups - relaunched
- Teleconferences for members in NT and TAS and regional members across Australia



INFORMATION

We continue to keep members informed through

- Weekly Bulletins
- Critical email updates
- Online Surveys
- Taskforce updates
- Annual Conference
- www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au



SUBMISSIONS

- ACSQHC – comments on draft Advisories on Comprehensive Care Standard Actions
- Department of Health, Consultation on changes to Second Tier Default Benefits' arrangements from 1 January 2019
- Submission to Minister for Small & Family Business, Skills & Vocational Training
- Ambulance Victoria – various correspondence including letter to the Victorian Minister for Health, Jill Hennessey
- ACCC Consultation on Collective Bargaining Class Exemption
- NSW Health Proposed Changes to the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation – submission from Day Hospitals Australia
- Department of Health Draft Cost Recovery Implementation Statement for Consultation, Administration of Private Health Insurance Second Tier Default Benefits
- Department of Health Exposure Draft – Private Health Insurance (Reforms) Amendment Rules 2018
- Senate Inquiry into Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 and related Bills
- 10-Year Vision for Day Hospitals in Australia – provided to the Federal Minister for Health
- Update to Health Services (Private Hospitals and Day Procedure Centres) Regulations 2013 (Victoria)
- Federal Senate Select Committee on Red Tape to inquire into the effect of restrictions and prohibitions on business (red tape) on the economy and community



COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

- Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care Private Sector Group
- Australian Council on Healthcare Standards Committee and Day Surgery Indicators and Standards Committee
- ACHS Day Patient Clinical Indicators Working Group
- ACHS Gastrointestinal Endoscopy Clinical Indicators Working Group
- Hospital Casemix Protocol and Private Health Data Bureau Working Group
- International Association for Ambulatory Surgery
- National Procedure Banding Committee
- NSQHS Standards Steering Committee
- NSW Health Private Health Facilities Advisory Committee
- Private Health Insurance Ministerial Advisory Committee
- Prosthesis List Advisory Committee and Industry Working Group on Benefit Setting and Review Framework
- Standards Australia

For a list of all submissions made in 2018, visit <http://www.dayhospitalsaustralia.net.au/members-area/lobbying-advocacy/>

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

- Retention of the Second Tier Default Benefit – huge win for the day hospital sector
- Change to Administration & Application process for Second Tier – Department of Health to take over from 1 January 2019
- Private Health Insurance Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 passed on 11 September – provided comment and advice on the day hospital sector
- MBS review Gastroenterology - Day Hospitals Australia worked with GESA regarding the introduction of the new colonoscopy numbers
- AS/ NZS 4187:2014 taskforce established to provide feedback to Standards Australia
- Revision of the Type C certification process - collaboration with associated stakeholders and member feedback
- Prostheses reforms - Successful lobbying to reduce the Federal Governments reductions on foldable intraocular lenses

EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

This year the CEO has been invited to provide information about our sector and its future, including the benefits of working in day hospitals, and the advantages the sector provides to patients to:

- West Australian Royal College of Surgeons – Recently Qualified Specialists (Oct 2018)
- Day Surgery Nurses Association NSW – Annual Conference (Aug 2018)

INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT

Health Funds

Board members and/or CEO have met with the CEO and Senior Executives at Bupa, HCF, HBF, Medibank and NIB to discuss the important role that the day hospital sector has in the Australian healthcare system, and opportunities for the sector on behalf of members and conversations are continuing

Industry Groups

Day Hospitals Australia continues to work with the AMA, ASO, APHA, ASPS, ACD, CHA, RACS, COTA and CHF on issues impacting the private hospital sector

Government

- Day Hospitals Australia continues to participate in regular meetings with the Federal Health Minister and his senior advisors, discussing ongoing issues and concerns of the Day Hospital sector
- Ongoing liaison with the Federal Department of Health including teleconferences regarding Private Health Insurance reforms and Second Tier default benefit retention and administrative changes
- CEO met with the Senior Advisor for Minister for Small & Family Business, Skills and Vocational Training to discuss issues facing the Day Hospital sector

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

- Air Liquide Healthcare – renewed
- Brand's Surgical Supply
- Health Legal – new
- Mediprotect / IMGA
- QPS Benchmarking
- Trans-Tasman Energy Group
- Turrell Multimedia
- Online Standards Subscription via SAI Global - New in 2019!

STATE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Ongoing engagement and attendance by State Health Departments at the majority of chapter meetings and the annual Conference
- VIC: Ongoing lobbying and representation on behalf of members with Ambulance Victoria